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- 1. A watchtower about 12 meters high has been erected 1 km. northeast of Klein Taxen (N48 57° E16 15°).
- 2. A watchtower is located about 300 meters west of Gerstenfeld (N48 45° E16 08°), and there is an observation platform on the Gerstenfeld customs house.
- 3. A watchtower is located about 500 meters south of Shaflerhof (N48 48' E16 35'), opposite Ottenthal (N 48 45' E16 35').
- 4. A watchtower about 15 meters high is located 500 meters south of Koesslersdorf (N48 54 E14 59).
- 5. A watchtower 12 meters high is located about 200 meters upstream from the confluence of the Thaya-March rivers, opposite Gaenserndorf (N48 20° E16 43°).
- 6. A watchtower 15 meters high is located about 150 meters upstream from the confluence of the Thaya-March rivers, about 10 meters from the right bank of the March river.
- 7. A watchtor r, 20 meters high, has been built in a tree 400 meters northwest of Kotel 184, gross from Tulzeshofen (N48 43 E16 20).
- 8. A vatchtower is located across from Kautzen (N48 56 E15 15), about 450 meters northeast of the Reichers church and 450 meters northwest of the Kautzen-Reichers road.
- 9. A matchtower is located 2 km east of Gerstenfeld.

Barbed Wire Entanglements

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10. A barbed wire entanglement runs between Kitsee (N48 06' E17 15') and Berg (N48 07' E17 13'), between the border stones XIII/3 and XIII/7.

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11. A barbed wire entanglement runs between Luden (N48 54' E15 21') and Neu Riegers (N48 56' E15 27'), 100-500 meters from the border.

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- 22. About 1 km.northeast of the customs house at Berg and near the edge of the Potschenwald, an entanglement runs in a straight line to the Vienna-Bratislava main road. South of this road, the obstacle starts at Kapitelhof (N&8 08° E17 05°) and runs in a southerly direction, crosses the Vienna-Bratislava railroad, and continues to about 350 meters from another barbed wire entanglement. Then, running eastward, it crosses the Kitsee-Petrzalka (N&8 08° E16 21°) road and railroad and continues in a southeasterly direction to Antonienhof (N&8 06° E16 22°).
- 13. A barbed wire entanglement runs from the edge of Waldkirchen (N48 56° E15 21°) to the Neu Riegers Piesling (N48 59° E15 28°) road.
- 14. Work has been started on obstacles about 500 meters from the border along the Karlstift (N48 36° E14 45°) Buchers (N48 36° E14 41°) road. An entanglement runs along the road Schanz (N48 35° E14 40°) Buchers, about 1,200 meters from the border, 600 meters south of Paulina (N48 36° E14 39°), to the woods around Steinberg (N48 35° E14 38°).
- 15. An entanglement has been constructed beginning 800 meters north of Kote 522 at the north end of the Sta auer pond (N49 01° E15 01°), about 20 meters from the border, which runs eastward to about 200 meters from Kote 483 where it crosses a brock and then disappears into a wood. About 1,250 meters south of Kote 599 it reappears and extends in an easterly direction towards Neumuehle (N49 01° E15 01°). It then runs south past the former Czech cunstoms house to the Neumuehle-Cesky Bernschlag road where it connects with another barbed wire entanglement.
- 16. An entanglement, located in the vicinity of Laa (N48 44° E16 23°), runs on both sides of the Thaya for about 20 meters up to the border stones IX/20 and IX/21.
- 17. A 13 meter long entanglement runs near the border stone IX/28, 1,500 meters northwest of the railroad station in Laa.
- 18. A barbed wire entanglement crosses the path which runs from Rahof (N48 45° E16 25°) to Hoeflein (N48 45° E16 23°). Its length is not known.
- 19. A 200 meter long entanglement runs along the river in the vicinity of the watchtower located 200 meters upstream from the Thaya-March confluence.
- 20. A barbed wire entanglement runs north of Lexnitz (N 48 50° E15 18°) from the edge of the Saaswald to the north edge of the Gilgenbergwald, opposite Fratres (NA8 59° E15 21°).
- 21. From Iuden (N48 54° E1535°) to Neu Riegers (N48 56° E15 26°), about 100-500 meters from the border, an entanglement has been set up with openings in it to enable the farmers to get to their fields located on the border. In the course of building this obstacle, a clearing 200 meters long and 60 meters wide was made in a wood northeast of Rotmuehle (N48 57° E15 28°).
- 22. About 500 meters east of the Hollabrunn (N48 24° E16 05°) Zno.jmo (N48 51° E16 04°) road, an entanglement 500 meters long has been set up.
- 23. From the Schrattenberg (NAS 44° E16 44°) Feldsberg (NAS 44° E16 46°) road, through the Raistenwald to Kote 291 which is about 200 meters from the border, there is an entanglement about 1200 meters long.
- 24. An entanglement beginning at the border at Taubenhuegel (N48 A30 E16 46°) extends to the Bernhardsthal (N48 42° E16 52°) Breclay (N48 46° E16 56°) railroad, about 200 meters from the border.

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